

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 02/05/2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Luke Burger, Travis Holthaus, Tony Hofer, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Scott LaVoy (DGR), and Brian Cable.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to approve the January 8th regular meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The January Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Burger, second by Hofer to approve the January Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of January were reviewed. A motion was made by Hofer, second by Vondra to approve the January bills for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Letcher: 1) his health update 2) Street light out at the intersection of Hwy 42 & Hwy 262 discussion for repair 3) on vacation March 4-8.

Public Input: No one here with input, President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Scott LaVoy-DGR went over the Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 progress. Discussed the nice weather and the problems with the boring under the highway – too soft & muddy. The boring under the railroad tracks has been set to start the week of the 26th of February. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve and sign Application 2 for \$93,078.00 for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried. This will be sent in for reimbursement.

Ambulance: Change in the renewal of the EMS Telemedicine Services Agreement was noted.

Law Enforcement: No report received for January

Water & Sewer: A sewer line bill was received from 511 N Cherry Ave for a line that needed jetting as it had caused backup in the house. The blockage was in the city's portion of the sewer line. Letcher thinks there is a dip in that line that is causing these blockages & creating back up problems for the homeowner. It will be cameraed as soon as possible. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to reimburse Joann Stahl at 511 N Cherry Ave for this Bender's bill that she has paid. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Council discussed a letter from Hanson Rural Water System stating that due to an evaluation of 2023 expenses and revenue, the monthly minimum will go from \$550 to \$1146.58 (1st increase since 2010) and the cost per \$1000 gals will go from \$4.20 to \$4.35 (last increase was in 2020).

Parks & Recreation: Strombeck is looking at submitting an ARPA grant for the park project.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:10 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, March 11, 2024.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5214.22; Finance Office 1271.39; Fire 95.49; Govt Bldg 12.49; Liquor 286.98; Parks 391.75; Sewer 1241.22; Storm Sewer 37.47; Streets 3458.47; Water 1178.80; EFTPS-Jan payroll taxes, 3828.45; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 914.30.

Supplies: Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 175.00; Julson, Joan-shop gas & Wheelco parts reimbursement (credit card statement), 427.09; Meyer Motor-parts, 35.00; Post Master-WSG billing stamps, 408.00; Stern Oil-Legion Hall propane, 1039.60; Sturdevant's Auto Value-shop supplies, 173.96.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking–Dec & Jan snow removal, 7842.50; Fisk’s Heating & Cooling–shop heater maintenance, 88.78; Two Way Solutions–radio install in tanker firetruck, 920.32.

Beer and Liquor (paid in January & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1086.20; Johnson Brothers, 788.20; Republic Nat’l Dist. Co, 380.00.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & extra copies, 87.95; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; CMC Excavation Inc–water & sewer service line for 4th & Oak, 2330.28; Donoho, Michael–water deposit balance, 31.40; Eastman, Robert–credit water balance return, 117.31; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2356.25; Nordwald Rentals–Mar rent (Payable 03/01/24), 400.00; Paweltzki, Lawrence–project 3 yr crop damage payment, 168.74; Paweltzki, Roger–project 3 yr crop damage payment, 168.74; Petty Cash–stamps, 39.60; Public Health Laboratory–water testing for Dec, 15.00; RBS Sanitation–Jan. garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation–dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; S&D Sellers–return of water deposit, 100.00; Schultz, Eugene–return of water deposit, 100.00; SD State Treasurer–Jan garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.63), 238.67; Simon, John H–project 3 yr crop damage payment, 4628.10; Stahl, Joann–reimburse sewer jetting, 435.42; Thaler, Barb–EMT training & mileage, 133.00; The Special/New Century Press–Jan publishing, 144.52; US Bank–SRF Water loans #1 & #2, 6922.35; US Bank–SRF Storm Sewer #4, 18397.88; Wilson & Company–HOBAS pipe install under the railroad tracks, 42400.00.

Dues & Fees: Banyon Data Systems–annual support for Utility billing, direct payment & meter device, 1430.00.

Utilities (Paid in January): Golden West, 307.81; Hanson Rural Water, 3822.60; Xcel Energy, 2098.79.

Insurance: AFLAC–reimbursed by employees, 311.46; Health Pool of SD, 2286.39, Julson, Joan–monthly Medicare, Supplement & Part D reimbursement, 650.66.

Professional: DGR Engineering–professional services through December, 23,354.89.

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